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MIDDLEHAM CHAPEL

before 1748

Apparently the initial stage of this cruciform structure was of one story height under a hipped roof. At each end of the small transepts were arched doors, now bricked in. In 1748 the roof was altered to that of its present gable form and the date 1748 set into the attic level of the west facade in glazed headers. All walls below this level are of brick Flemish bond construction displaying a checkered pattern of glazed headers. All windows and door openings are headed by segmental arches of ~~stretchers~~^{stretchers} brick combined with glazed headers. The brick apse at the rear of the structure was added in later years. The existing window sash and interior detail dates from the early 19th. century.

^{bell}
A ~~bell~~ presented to Middleham Chapel by John Holdsworth in 1699 is still in use.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Maryland
COUNTY:
Calvert
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Middleham Chapel
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Middleham Chapel (Middleham Episcopal Chapel)

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: H.G. Trueman Road			
On the east side of (MD Rte. 765), about one mile south of Lusby, Maryland			
CITY OR TOWN: Lusby		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First	
STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24	COUNTY: Calvert	CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Maryland Diocese of the Episcopal Church			
STREET AND NUMBER: 105 West Monument Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland	CODE: 005

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Calvert County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Prince Frederick		STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Middleham Chapel is situated on the east side of Md. Route 4, approximately one mile south of Lusby and seven miles north of Solomon's, Maryland. It is bounded on the west side by Md. Route 4, and on the north, south, and east sides by the "Cliffs of Calvert," a state park.

Situated within a small cemetery, it is a one story, cruciform shaped, Flemish bond brick structure with exposed fieldstone foundations. The principal facade is at the west end and is three bays in width. The centrally placed entrance has double doors of six panels each and a wide flat architrave. The two flanking window openings frame stained one-over-one doublehung sash and have the same flat architrave as the door. All three openings have shallow segmental arches of alternating stretcher and header bricks with the lower headers glazed. Above at the attic gable, can be seen the outline of two small windows that were probably bricked in during an 1893 renovation. Between these two former windows the date 1748 has been set into the gable walls with glazed headers (the Flemish bond brickwork of this facade is decorated with regularly placed glazed headers up to the eaves level; from that point up to the gable peak no glazed headers are used).

Both side walls of this small building are three bays in length with small, centrally placed transepts. Originally the south transept was entered through an arched doorway, (its arched head higher and more pronounced than those of the windows and door of the central block) that is now bricked in. The north transept initially had an arched window that establishes the size of the original windows of the central block. Like the door of the south transept, the window has also been bricked in. Brick chimneys protruding from the roof of both transepts at the exposed ends provided for former wood stoves introduced during the 1893 renovation.

The existing gable roof, unbroken on either slope and with shallow projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends, was probably introduced as part of the 1893 renovations. Toward the west end of the roof ridge is a simple gable-roofed open belfry, undoubtedly contemporary to the roof structure since it is of the same general plan. The belfry shelters a small cast iron bell bearing the date 1699 that was salvaged from an earlier frame chapel which formerly stood on or near this same site. At the east end of the 1748 structure is a one story brick addition also built about 1893, which houses the present sanctuary, the sacristy and the vesting room.

(See Continuation Sheet No. 1)

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No. 7 Description (Continued)

The interior of the church was completely renovated in 1893 and reflects the tastes of that period. The ceiling, which barely discernable structural evidence indicates had a central vault, is open to the roof ridge and has exposed stained sheathing boards and framing rafters. The open pews with shaped Gothic-style end boards, the floors, windows, white marble altar, communion rail, and the prayer desk and pulpit are all contemporary to the 1893 renovation, although the last two are said to have been fashioned out of an eighteenth century altar table. As the former west end gallery was also removed at that time there is nothing on the interior to reflect the actual construction date of the building. There are, however, several eighteenth century headstones which were removed from the cemetery and set into the walls flanking the sanctuary during the renovation.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☒ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1748

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Middleham Chapel was built in 1748 to replace an earlier frame or log structure believed to have been erected as early as 1684 as a Chapel of Ease of Christ Church Parish. Advertisements requesting the services of a contractor were published as early as 1746 in the Maryland Gazette and building was completed in 1748 at a cost of approximately 80,000 pounds of tobacco. Existing church records indicate that the chapel was repaired in 1792 and again in 1893, although the extent and form of the 1792 repairs or renovations are unknown. The earliest surviving artifact relating to the seventeenth century history of the church still in use is a cast iron bell bearing the following inscription: "The Gift of John Holdsworth of Middleham (England) to Middleham Chapel, Anno Do 1699." John Holdsworth settled in Calvert County in 1678 and resided on a tract of land that was a portion of Lower Bennett on the Patuxent River. John Holdsworth's daughter, Ann, married John Bond, who built or enlarged the cruciform-shaped "Bond's Castle" in upper Calvert County.

Middleham Chapel is the oldest standing example of ecclesiastical architecture in Calvert County and one of the earliest examples in Southern Maryland. It is certainly one of only a few that retain their basic original exterior features, which at Middleham Chapel includes its cruciform plan and dated gable. Its history, setting, and attractively preserved state establishes it as a regional landmark worthy of recognition and continued maintenance.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stein, Charles Francis, A History of Calvert County, Maryland,
Baltimore, 1960.
Archives of Middleham Chapel, Lusby, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: April, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name: Arthur C. Townsend

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: October 21, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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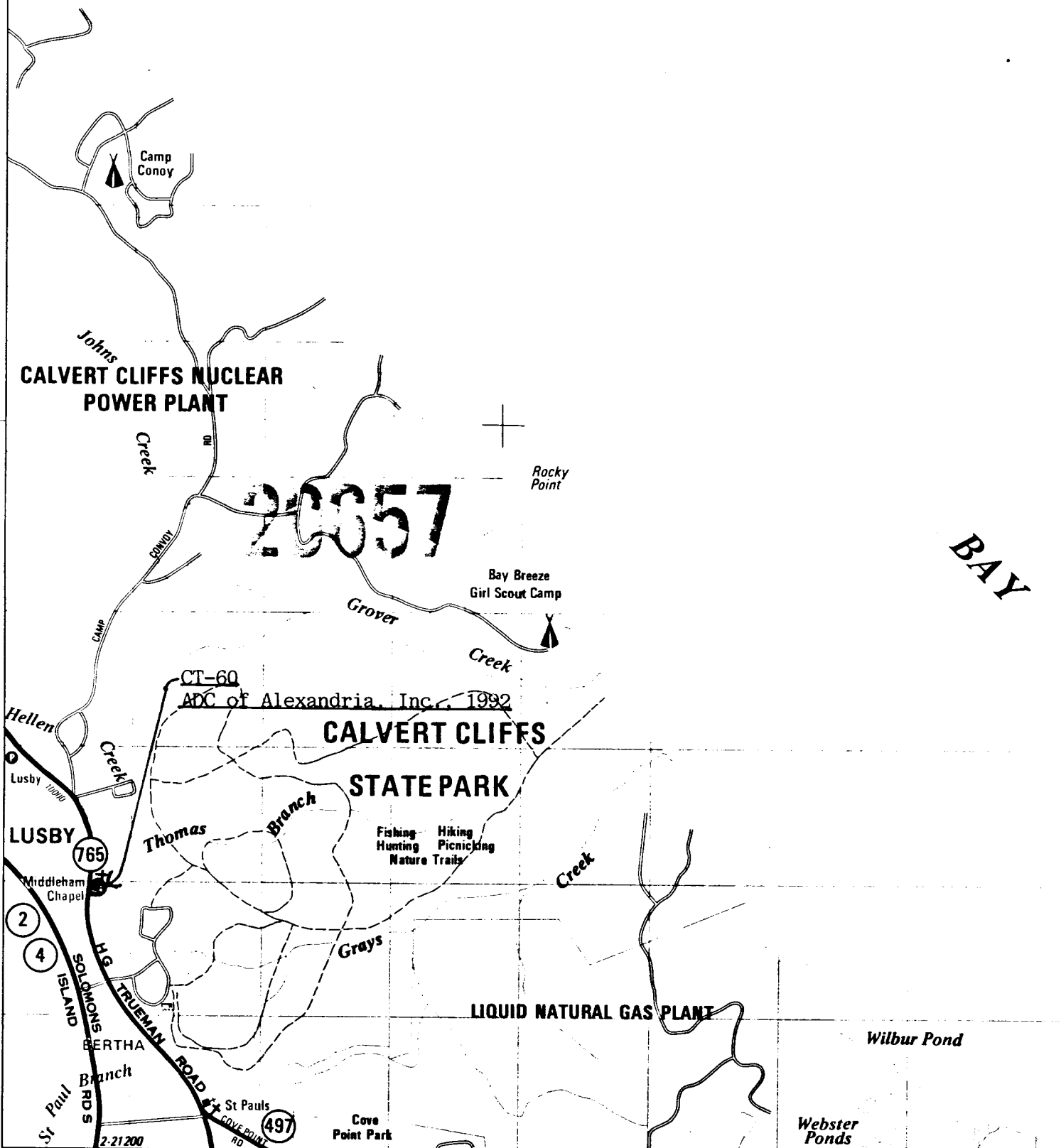
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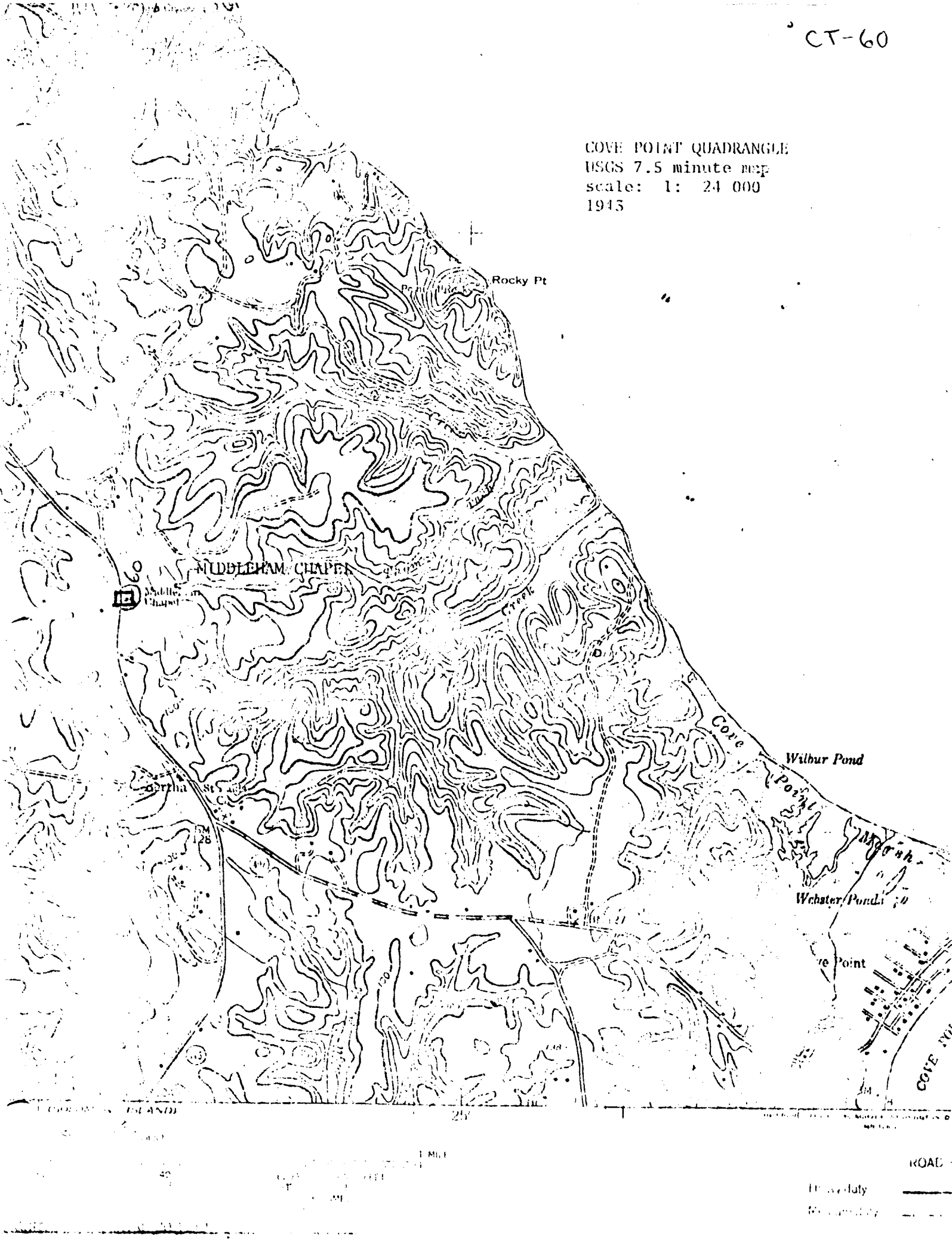
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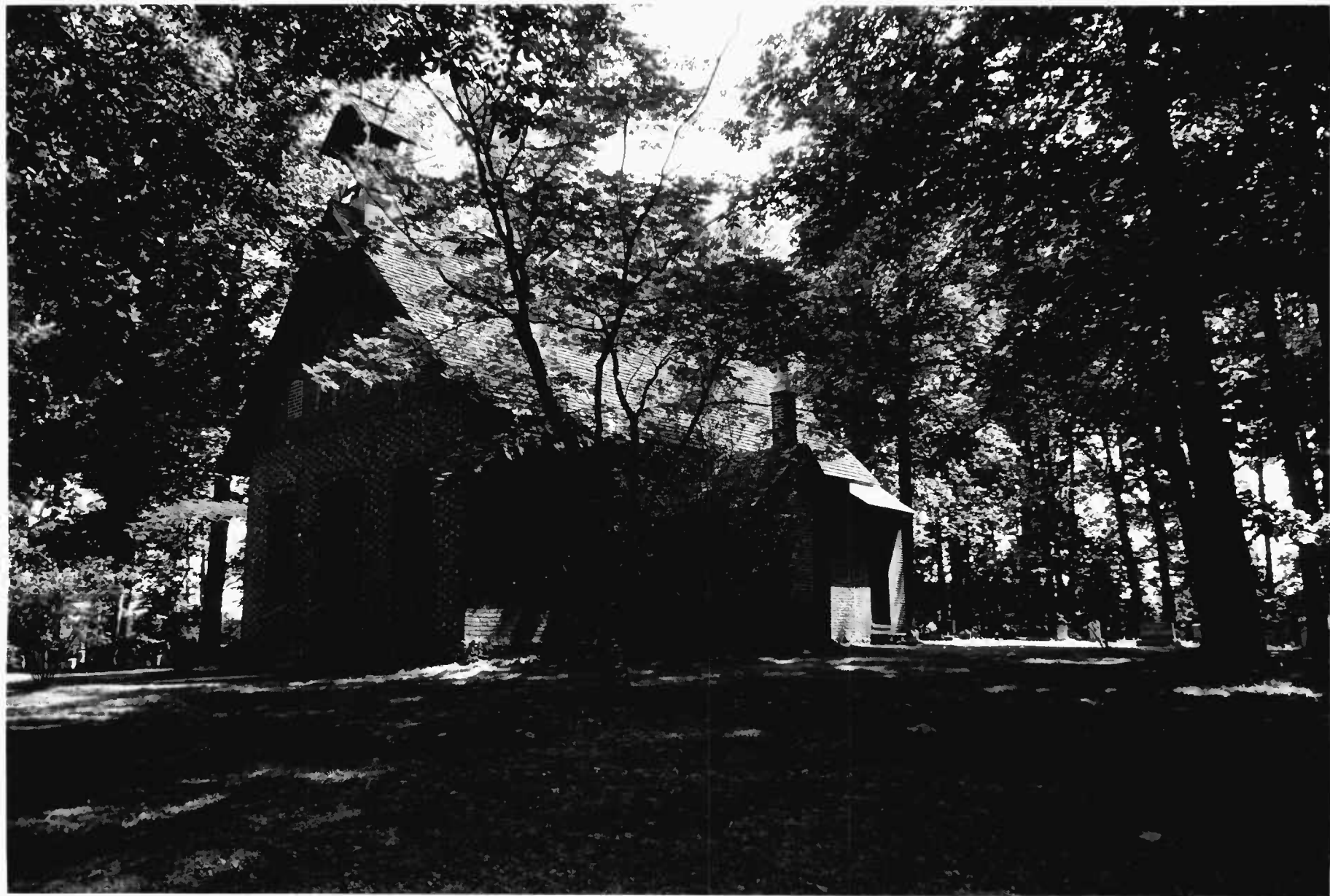
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